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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Suzanne Dino Barrett

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-30 and 35-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 31-34, 41 and 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 20,24,27,35,39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chung 5,475,997 in view of Fois 4,104,898. Chung teaches a lock comprising a first rotor 32 with conventional pin tumblers, a second rotor 33 with tumblers, a key which actuates both rotors by first turning the first rotor to engage the keyway of the second rotor, then actuating the second rotor to actuate the lock mechanism. Chung further teaches a key having a head serrated section and a tail serrated section to engage the pin tumblers in the first and second rotors, respectively. Fois teaches a lock comprising a first rotor 3 with tumblers and a second protective rotor 10 both actuated by the key 5,6. The lock further provides a lock cover aligning means 13 between the cover 8 and protective rotor 10. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the lock of Chung by further providing a lock cover and aligning means as taught by Fois to enhance the security of the lock.

3. Claims 21-23,25,26,28-30,36-38,40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chung '997 in view of Fois '898 as applied to claims 20,24,27 above,

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and further in view of Su 6,550,298. Su teaches a lock cover and aligning means comprising indentations 34 and key protrusion 61. it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the lock of Chung by providing a lock cover as taught by Fois and further providing aligning means as taught by Su to further enhance the security of the lock and facilitate usage.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 31-34,41,42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The key having a head serrated section longer than the tail serrated section is not found nor suggested in the prior art of record.

#### ***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Note the cited art including the protective lock cover of Feder '752.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzanne Dino Barrett whose telephone number is 571-272-7053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 8:30-7:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SDB', is written over the printed name of the examiner.

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